

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH, PERSON CO., N. C.,

August 10th, 11th and 12th, 1886.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD.....Oxford, N. C.
CLERK—B. F. HESTER.....Oxford, N. C.
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM.....Oxford, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL MEETING HOUSE,
PERSON CO., August 10th, 1886.

The introductory sermon of the 93d session of the Flat River Association was preached by Elder R. H. Marsh, D. D., from II Timothy, 2d chapter, 2d verse, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Subject: Ministerial Ability.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, called the Association to order.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. H. Lamberth, the roll of churches was called, their letters read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Antioch—John W. Denny, John Ashley, H. H. Nichols.
Amis' Chapel—C. S. Chandler, R. W. Downey, *S. L. Puryear.
Bethel—Ruffin Woody, G. D. Neal, Samuel Trickey.
Bethany—J. C. Copley, *A. S. Carrington, Sim. Bumpass.
Concord—T. J. Smith, E. C. Coley, *N. Goss.
Corinth—J. W. Pittard, N. A. Clay, W. H. Parrott.
Enon—Jos. F. Currin, B. F. Hester, J. S. Hobgood.
Fellowship—
Flat River Union—M. W. B. Veazey, J. L. Peed, *Barnum Tilley.
Grassy Creek—B. T. Winston, G. W. Pittard, W. A. Wilkinson.
Henderson—
Hester's—S. R. Puckett, Lawson Knott, R. W. Hobgood.
Island Creek—J. A. T. Shotwell, D. L. Woody, J. C. Morgan.
Mary's Creek—*Zadock Whelons, *C. E. Allen, *J. W. Whelons.
Mill Creek—T. W. Buchanan, S. A. Clayton, T. H. Street.
Mt. Harmony—*J. W. Peed, D. W. Knott, *I. T. Denny.
Mountain Creek—W. W. Hart, *B. F. Frazier, W. J. Downey.
Mt. Zion—I. N. Day, W. P. Howard, J. G. Blalock.
New Light—*W. D. Ray, *W. T. Roachelle, *L. B. Mangum.
Olive Branch—W. W. Hill, J. R. Hays, J. G. Jones.
Olive Grove—*J. F. Bailey, Wm. Shearin, A. B. Smith.
Oxford—H. J. Hester, F. P. Hobgood, J. S. Meadows.
Poplar Creek—*G. W. Wright, P. C. Parham, A. C. Parham.
Pleasant Grove—*W. B. Jeffreys, *S. J. Rogers, *W. N. Fuller.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, *Drewry Gravitt, Thos. G. Smithey.
Roxboro—F. L. Woody, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—W. B. Cash, R. S. Jones.

*See Note.

By ballot, Bro. F. P. Hobgood was re-elected Moderator, B. F. Hester Clerk, and A. C. Parham Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us: Elders Wm. Royall, D. D., of Wake Forest College; C. S. Farriss, of the BIBLICAL RECORDER; W. R. Gwaltney, of Greensboro; C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford Female Seminary; Wm. Slat, of Dan River Association in Virginia; Bro. J. H. Mills, of Baptist Orphanage, and Bro. J. E. Ray, the Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, accepted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—Elder C. A. Jenkins, P. C. Parham, T. J. Smith.

State Missions—Elder J. H. Lamberth, B. T. Winston, R. S. Jones.

Foreign Missions—Elder T. J. Horner, R. W. Downey, J. C. Copley.

Home Missions—Elder G. N. Pittard, E. C. Coley, J. S. Hobgood.

Education—Elder Wm. Royal, D. D.; M. W. Veazey, W. W. Hill.

Church Letters—Elder J. S. Hardaway, A. R. Foushee.

Place and Preaching for Next Session of Association—T. H. Street, Lawson Knott, J. T. C. Norwood.

Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church.

On motion, a committee was raised on the Baptist Orphanage, Elder R. H. Marsh, D. D., J. G. Morgan, I. N. Day.

On an invitation to churches wishing to join this Association, letters were read from Rock Spring, Sassafras Fork and State Line, all recently organized, asking membership.

On motion, the applications are referred to a committee composed of Elders R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and J. E. Montague.

The following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the organ of our Convention. It is a paper that should be in the home of every Baptist in the Association. We earnestly urge those of our brethren who do not take it to subscribe at once.

For Sunday School literature, we recommend the Sunday School Supply Store of the State Convention, under the care of John E. Ray, Raleigh.

C. A. JENKINS,
A. C. PARHAM,
THOS. J. SMITH.

was offered, and on motion, laid on the table till to-morrow morning, on account of the rain which drove the large congregation into the house.

On motion, adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Elder Horner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Aug. 11, 1886.

The committee to whom was referred the letters of the churches applying for membership, reported, recommending their reception.

The report was adopted, the churches received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended the delegates by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The special order, being the report on Periodicals, was taken up and discussed by Elders C. A. Jenkins, C. S. Farriss, brethren R. W. Hobgood, John J. Meadows, Elders G. N. Pittard, J. S. Hardaway and R. H. Marsh. They all declare that though the RECORDER may not be better, or even so good a paper as some other Baptist papers, yet it is a most excellent paper, and indispensable to North Carolina Baptists.

The report was then adopted with considerable enthusiasm.

The committee offered the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are now sixty-five missionaries preaching the gospel in our State. The State Board is paying ten more men than in any previous year in its history. The results of their labors have been wonderful. Hundreds of souls have been saved, and willing subjects have followed Jesus in baptism. Quite a large number of new churches and Sunday schools have been organized, and several meeting houses erected and many more are being built. New fields are opening up every month, and, along with God's blessings attending this work, new calls are made upon the Board almost every week. The principal need of the Board is funds to meet the wants of our self-sacrificing missionaries, who are suffering for the necessities of life. This Association has done its part nobly in sending the relief which was so much needed.

We do earnestly hope, while the brethren of this Association shall lend a helping hand to every department of Christian work, that they will give State missions a large place in their hearts, prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBERTH,
B. T. WINSTON,
R. S. JONES.

Which was adopted after interesting talks by Bro. J. E. Ray, who said he did not come to ask the Association for a collection now, after the churches had done so well when he visited them last spring, and A. C. Parham.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit for consideration the Report offered by the General Manager at the last meeting of the Orphan Association, held at Thomasville, July 28th, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT ON ORPHANAGE, FOR 1886.

As soon as practical after the last annual meeting the John Mitchell building was finished, furnished and occupied. Then the Mary J. Watson building, being sorely needed, was pushed to completion. These houses gave us one dwelling and one eating-house, so that we were able to winter the children then present with tolerable comfort. The John Watson building was begun in the fall, but work was discontinued for the winter. Towards spring we were so uncomfortably crowded that work was resumed on the building, and when finished gave us room to put each sex in its own school-room.

The unusual rains of the spring and summer delayed our brickwork so that we have made but little progress, except on the W. W. Mitchell building, which is nearly finished and now occupied. So the girls, after eating six months with the boys, have now their own cook-room and dining-room, and we are ready for vigorous work on the other buildings. The Durham buildings will occupy conspicuous positions and will attract much attention. They will be best suited to the wants of small boys.

The Watson buildings are near the springs, the stables and farm, so that the larger boys will find themselves convenient to their work.

The Mitchell buildings are nearest the town and very near two excellent springs, and are in every way adapted to the wants of the small girls. The Biggs buildings will be found on trial to have the best location for the larger girls, being less exposed to intruders and more convenient to the springs and the dairy, and very near every kind of work which will engage their attention. The location chosen for the chapel is on the Biggs avenue, on the side next to the town. The buildings need not now be described, as they are sufficiently advanced to explain themselves to all thoughtful persons. Two tracts of land and one small lot have been paid for and the deeds are properly recorded. On the last tract we have paid \$500 and are paying interest on the \$1,500 still due, in order to use the land for crops. We do not propose to erect any buildings on this tract. Our rye and wheat were sowed late, and on account of the severity of the winter and the rains of the spring will fail to realize our expectations; but these crops were sowed mainly to secure a stand of clover, and our clover is a decided success. Our hay crop will be good, and most of the vegetable crops are excellent, and have abundantly supplied the wants of the children.

Thirty-seven orphans have been received. Of these two were returned because they had property which ought to be used for their benefit. Different people have different views of the plans and purposes of our work, and so it happens that children recommended by some would be rejected by others, while both parties are equally honest. Time and proper information will gradually correct this annoyance. But it ought to be known that this is not an orphan's home for the care of the helpless. Such a house we may open some day when the means shall be offered. Neither is our institution an orphan asylum for the protection of oppressed orphans. At the close of the Confederate war, a house of refuge was needed to rescue unprotected orphans from those who desired to put them in the place of liberated slaves. Such a house is still a blessing, because it helps to keep oppressors of the helpless before the bar of public opinion and to secure their condemnation. But our institution claims to be nothing more at present than a collection of training schools for poor and promising orphans, and, indeed, it really seems impossible that any children can ever need training more than most of these who have already come to us. On this account we have required them to perform many kinds of manual labor, have kept them in school as much as we could, and have tried to show them how to understand the Bible and other good books. In addition to the usual song books and catechisms, we have substituted standard works on morals and manners for the readers filled with stories of cats and dogs.

Our aim has been to teach a clear and distinct code of morality, as well as a definite system of religion. All children need a definite religion, and all Christian teachers should be anxious to impart instructions therein. We send

missionaries all over the world to teach a definite religion to the heathen abroad, and we ought not to do less for the heathen at home. That all may come together for moral and religious instruction the chapel is greatly needed, and should be finished with the least possible delay. Our friends often inquire why we do not raise money by orphan entertainments. In doing so children are usually flattered and petted till they can not be satisfied with such treatment as they will usually receive. Besides, they often learn that there are ways of getting money without honest labor—a very dangerous and unfortunate lesson for children to learn. Again, “Charity seeketh not her own” profit. Charitable people will be rewarded hereafter, and they ought not to expect pay in this world for their contributions to charity.

For the future the work shapes itself before us: (1) To finish paying for the last tract of land and to put the farm in the best working and producing order. (2) To finish the Mt. Zion buildings, the Biggs buildings, the chapel and the dairy. (3) To pause then with ninety-six children till the institution shall be thoroughly furnished and equipped so as to give the children thorough training in English branches, and in such useful arts as they are most likely to practice hereafter.

The Visiting Committee has decided to close accounts at each annual meeting, instead of the meetings of the Convention. The present reports, therefore, cover a little more than eight months.

Receipts, \$5,485.15 ; disbursements, \$5,185.15 ; on hand, \$300.00.

The children have enjoyed excellent health, and the services of a physician have not been required. For these, and other unnumbered mercies, we should be grateful to Him who took special pains to instruct and pray for little children. The same kind Saviour saw a multitude lying at the pool and healed the man who was least able to help himself. His servants follow in his footsteps when they help those who can not help themselves.

J. H. MILLS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the churches composing the Flat River Association be requested and urged to raise, during the month of September next, the balance of the amount pledged for the Flat River building, or chapel, at the Orphanage.

2. *Resolved*, That we will co-operate with the Baptist Orphan Association of North Carolina, by taking up an annual collection among the churches for the support of the Orphanage at Thomasville, and by entertaining a report on the Orphanage at every regular meeting of the Flat River Association.

3. *Resolved*, That every church in the Association be requested to take up an annual collection for the Orphanage at Thomasville, and to report the same in their respective letters to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSH,
I. N. DAY,
JOHN T. MORGAN,
Committee.

Was offered, and on motion, the Association adjourned for refreshment, to meet at the stand at 1½ o'clock to discuss the report.

AFTERNOON.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage having been read again, Bro. J. H. Mills gave us a unique talk on Christian

charity, and after further remarks by Elders R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner and Bro. J. J. Meadows, the report was adopted.

On motion, the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Since ignorance is recognized by the Bible as a deadly foe to religion, it becomes every Christian to labor for the promotion of the cause of education ; and one of the best signs of the times is that this truth is becoming generally admitted. Not only are advanced thinkers alone working to this end, as was formerly the case, but the vast majority of our people are becoming interested in this department of Christian labor. As an association of Baptists we are not behind our brethren on this point. We contribute of our means to the building and endowment of colleges for the education of our sons and daughters, and aid in the training of our indigent young ministers for the work in which they are to engage. Indeed, all our churches are committed to these enterprises as fully as they are to missions, or other work for Christ. The only opposition encountered now by the advocates of the cause, results from a fast-disappearing prejudice, or from a misunderstanding of methods employed—the principle underlying being hardly questioned.

But we are beginning to insist more than formerly that the religious element must find a place in schemes of education, and that in all our systems of instruction Christ and His doctrine be recognized. There is a growing intolerance of all systems of education, and all institutions of learning, which ignore or make no provision for the cultivation of the heart and the information of the rising generation in Scripture truth.

Much of the prosperity of the Association is due to Wake Forest College and the Oxford Female School, under Bro. J. H. Mills formerly, and now under the management of Prof. F. B. Hobgood. And these institutions we commend to the fostering care and the patronage of the Association.

We conclude by urging upon the brethren the importance of establishing and sustaining in their midst primary schools, which shall embrace longer periods of instruction than the public schools, with the limited amount of money at the disposal of the State, can furnish.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ROYALL,
W. W. HILL,
M. W. B. VEAZEY.

Was adopted, after some entertaining and instructive addresses by Elders Wm. Royall, D. D., C. A. Jenkins and Jno. S. Hardaway.

On motion, the report on Associational Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Benediction by Elder Jno. S. Hardaway.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 12, 1886.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder R. H. Marsh, the minutes were read, called and revised the list of delegates.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Executive Board of Associational Missions offered their report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We have employed Elder J. A. Stradley to preach monthly at Sassafras Fork at a salary of \$175 for fourteen months. Under his ministration a church has been organized at this station which has called him as pastor. This church will need assistance next year.

We have also employed Elder T. J. Horner to preach at Rock Spring and State Line at a salary of \$175 for fourteen months for each station. At each of these places a church was organized just before the meeting of this body, making three new churches organized within twelve months.

We also agreed to supplement the salary of Elder T. J. Horner at Bethany with \$50, and Elder Lamberth's, at Roxboro, with \$75.

Whole amount received from churches and left on hand from last year	\$323.90	
Paid to Elder Horner for Bethany	\$50.00	
Paid to Elder Lamberth, Roxboro	75.00	
Paid to Elder Stradley, Sassafras Fork	66.30	
Paid to Elder Horner, State Line and Rock Spring	132.60	
	\$323.90	\$323.90
Balance due missionaries to date	\$150.05	

We have collected to build house at State Line \$180, and paid same to Bro. Sam. Gordon. We collected to build church at Sassafras Fork \$151.70, and paid same to Building Committee of Sassafras Fork.

J. J. MEADOWS, *Chairman Committee.*

Which elicited a lengthy discussion, participated in by Bro. J. J. Meadows, Elders T. J. Horner, J. H. Lamberth, G. N. Pittard, R. H. Marsh, J. S. Hardaway and Bro. R. W. Hobgood.

On motion, after a cash collection of seventy-two (\$72.00) dollars, with pledges from the churches enough to cover the deficiency reported by the committee, the report was adopted.

The Association

Resolved, That our Executive Board of Associational Missions is instructed to confer with the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to turn over the mission work of the Association to the State Board. If this cannot be done,

Resolved, That the same Board is hereby re-appointed and authorized to carry on the mission work of the Association as heretofore.

The Treasurer's report was offered and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Total Membership.	Sunday Schools.	Baptized.	Total amount Benevolence.	Increase or Decrease in Contributions this year compared with last.	Per Capita.
Antioch.....	48	I	8	\$ 50 19	25 times as much	\$ 1 25
Amis' Chapel.....	182	I	20	65 96	3 3-5 times less	36
Bethel.....	132	I	---	73 50	Increase	55
Bethany.....	42	I	I	8 25	5 times more	19
Concord.....	102	I	---	110 65	Increase	I 04
Corinth.....	140	I	---	95 42	2 times more	68
Enon.....	86	I	I	117 99	I 4-5 times less	I 37
Fellowship.....	*104	---	---	---	---	---
Flat River Union	127	I	9	88 35	Don't know last year....	69
Grassy Creek.....	306	4	33	121 12	4 times more	39
Henderson.....	† 75	I	---	---	---	2 43
Hester's.....	205	I	14	319 50	2 times more	I 55
Island Creek.....	209	2	34	286 57	Equal to last year.....	I 42
Mary's Chapel.....	39	I	---	5 00	Increase	13
Mill Creek.....	140	I	---	108 84	Don't know last year....	72
Mountain Creek...	179	I	---	96 78	18 times more	54
Mt. Zion.....	205	I	13	324 85	2 times less	I 58
Mt. Harmony.....	32	---	---	I 90	2 times less	06
New Light.....	‡201	---	---	---	---	§§ 02
Oxford.....	144	I	12	453 92	Increase	3 15
Olive Branch.....	185	I	8	25 95	Increase	14
Olive Grove.....	25	---	---	---	---	---
Poplar Creek.....	123	I	8	227 11	Increase	I 84
Providence.....	47	I	---	---	---	---
Pleasant Grove.....	54	---	3	9 60	2½ times more	18
Roxboro.....	25	I	3	105 00	2 times more	4 22
Sassafras Fork	††	---	---	---	---	---
Rock Hill.....	††	---	---	12 00	---	70
State Line.....	|| 37	---	---	33 67	---	09
Tally Ho.....	129	---	12	49 68	Increase	39
	2986	25	179	\$2785 75		§§ last year's.
		\$	¶	**		

*Last year's. No letter to Association.

†Last year's. No letter.

‡Good report. No letter.

||Gain of 116.

§About seven churches without schools.

¶70 more than last year.

**If include \$152.00 raised at Association, it will be \$2,937.75. This is \$1,330.92 more than last year's gifts.

††New church just constituted.

||Just constituted.

|||New church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. FOUSHEE,
JOHN S. HARDAWAY,
Committee.

The report on Church Letters was offered, which was discussed by Elders Horner, Marsh, G. N. Pittard and Hardaway, and brethren Thos. Pittard, Winston and Hobgood, and then adopted.

The committee on Time and Place for holding next session of the Association reported.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

Your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to report: Place—Antioch, Person County, North Carolina. Time—Tuesday after second Sunday in August, 1887. Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

T. H. STREET,
LAWSON KNOTT,
J. T. C. NORWOOD.

Committee.

The following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit as their report an extract from the Report of the Home Mission Board, made at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"This year by the Divine blessing we are enabled to report 255 missionaries and 3,812 baptisms. These results have been secured by combining our efforts with those of our brethren who live upon our mission fields and using our funds to stimulate their energies to do the work which lies at their doors and is so near their hearts. In no other way could it have been accomplished.

"The ultimate end of all Christian effort is to give the gospel to every creature, and every Christian organization—all our churches, Sunday schools, Mission Societies, Associations and Conventions—are to be valued by the influence they exert in the accomplishment of this end. They are worth just so much as they contribute to the perfection of this grand design of our Saviour and no more. Let our Home Mission work be estimated by this rule.

"The evangelization of this country is the prime factor in the world's conversion. From our American churches, more largely than from all the remainder of the world, must be drawn both of men and means to conquer the world for Christ.

"Without the consecration of the resources and energies of our people to this mighty task, there seems, to human eyes, little hope for the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth. This land of ours must be the base of supply for the host of God that invades the dark heathen realms. From our churches must go forth ten thousand consecrated soldiers of the Cross, an immortal band, to subdue the nations. To sustain them we must have strong, active, liberal churches at home, organized for the Master's work and thoroughly in sympathy with his loving purposes to man.

"We must fill our land with the truth; consecrate to our King the spiritual power of its sixty millions of people; subordinate all its vast material and industrial resources to the work of the Lord; make its commerce tributary to the great ends of human redemption; transmute its gold and precious things into the bread of life to feed the starving nations; then, and to us it seems not

till then, over this darkened earth will righteousness go forth as brightness and salvation a lamp that burneth."

Respectfully,

GEO. N. PITTARD,
E. C. COLEY,
J. S. HOBGOOD.

Committee.

Was offered and adopted.

The Association then adopted the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the Flat River Association, being in full sympathy with the work and labor of our missionaries in foreign fields, pledge ourselves to do what we can to advance the great work in which our missionaries are engaged. That we ought not to be satisfied until "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." That we recognize and acknowledge that the church received marching orders when the great commission was given, "Goye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

On motion, a committee consisting of Elds. T. J. Horner and J. A. Stradley and Bro. J. G. Morgan was appointed to make arrangements for holding Ministers' and Deacons' meetings in this Association.

Elder T. J. Horner and brethren J. G. Morgan and J. S. Meadows were appointed Associational delegates to the next Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk \$10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk.*

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1st Sabbath and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. A. Beam	Roxboro	H. H. Nichols	Mt. Tirzah	2d " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner	Henderson	R. C. Jones	Berea	3d " "
Bethel	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill	1st " "
Concord	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	Samuel Clark	Dutchville	2d " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	Oxford	L. Hobgood	Reamston	2d " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	W. H. Smith	Oxford	4th " "
Fellowship					
Flat River Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	M. B. Waller	Knapp of Reeds	4th " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	B. T. Winston	Young's X Roads	4th " "
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson			
Hester's	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	L. Knott	Oxford	2d " "
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro	3d " "
Mary's Chapel	H. F. Poston	Wake Forest Col'ge	J. Z. Allen	Grissom	1st " "
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	John L. Gentry	Mill Creek	4th " "
Mountain Creek	R. I. Devin	Oxford	D. W. Eaks	Oak Hill	3d " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner	Henderson	J. H. Meadows	Berea	1st " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	I. T. Denny	Centre Grove	4th " "
New Light		Rogers' Store	L. A. Wilson	New Light	2d " "
Oxford	J. S. Hardaway	Oxford	B. F. Taylor	Oxford	Every Sabbath.
Olive Branch	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill	W. T. Humphries	Collier	3d Sabbath and Sat. before.
Olive Grove	N. P. Stallings	Hutchinson's Store	J. F. Bailey	Rogers' Store	1st " "
Poplar Creek	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	J. H. Parham	Henderson	1st " "
Providence	C. F. Humphries	Oxford	A. C. Long	Chub Lake	1st " "
Pleasant Grove	James W. Atkinson	Rogers' Store	J. W. Fuller	Oxford	1st " "
Roxboro	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	3d Sabbath and at night.
Rock Spring	T. J. Horner	Henderson	F. D. Harris		4th Sabbath and Sat. before.
Sassafras Fork	J. A. Stradley	Oxford	J. T. C. Norwood	Williamsboro	2d " "
State Line	T. J. Horner	Henderson	Thomas Wilson		2d " "
Tally Ho	R. H. Marsh	Oxford	R. S. Jones	Tally Ho!	3d " "

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Educa- tion.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Associa'l Missions.	Baptist Orphanage	For the Poor.	Church Extension.	Oxford Asylum.
Amis' Chapel	25	\$ 20 80	\$ 16 30	\$ 7 31	\$ 11 05	\$ 3 60	\$ 8 00	\$	\$
Antioch		25 43	6 66						
Bethany					8 25				
Bethel	1 75	22 80	15 50	1 00	10 00				
Concord	17 45	37 75	17 50	7 95	15 00			15 00	
Corinth	8 50	33 92	4 25		3 70	25 50		19 65	
Enon	10 00	59 60	57 64		8 60			16 00	
Fellowship									
Flat River Union	12 00	33 10	10 00	7 25	7 00				
Grassy Creek	10 33	51 60	6 06		10 00			41 63	
Henderson	65 00	49 25	10 00						
Hester's	10 00	51 45	19 25	11 00	40 95	50 00		34 35	
Island Creek	25 00	115 00	21 48	12 44	8 50	25 15			
Mary's Chapel	3 00		1 00		1 00				
Mill Creek	10 00	20 24	25 90			5 00		6 35	
Mountain Creek	2 20	6 10	6 00		15 00			67 48	
Mt. Zion	11 50	178 75	209 60	2 25	60 10	76 50			
Mt. Harmony		95	95						
New Light									
Oxford	105 87	71 73	129 69	12 71	23 41	52 81		41 00	21 00
Olive Branch				8 00				17 95	
Olive Grove									
Poplar Creek	12 00	76 01	52 40	9 20	9 00	42 00			
Providence			1 80						
Pleasant Grove		9 60							
Roxboro	10 00	28 50	10 00	5 00	12 00	5 00			
Rock Spring					10 00				
Sassafras Fork									
State Line									
Tally Ho	87	12 00	14 50	2 68	4 43				
	\$ 315 72	\$ 904 58	\$ 631 48	\$ 96 54	\$ 257 99	\$ 285 56	\$ 8 00	\$ 249 41	\$ 21 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Amis' Chapel.....	\$.....	\$ 1 50	\$142 00	20	2	2	3	4	2	70	112	182
Antioch.....	.....	1 50	.....	8	1	..	8	..	..	17	31	48
Bethany.....	.....	1 00	.....	1	3	..	..	3	..	20	22	42
Bethel.....	100 00	1 00	24 00	..	3	..	11	2	..	48	84	132
Concord.....	150 00	1 50	.....	..	6	..	1	..	3	31	71	102
Corinth.....	.....	1 50	.....	..	1	1	2	2	..	47	93	140
Enon.....	250 00	1 50	.....	1	1	1	10	1	2	35	51	86
Fellowship.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat River Union.....	.....	1 30	11 00	9	1	..	1	4	3	34	93	127
Grassy Creek.....	.....	2 10	.....	33	9	1	33	3	2	112	194	306
Henderson.....	600 00	1 50	174 00	4	13	..	7	..	..	51	48	99
Hester's.....	.....	2 50	60 00	14	5	2	13	8	..	84	121	205
Island Creek.....	200 00	2 00	79 00	34	5	1	3	3	3	97	112	209
Mary's Chapel.....	.....	50	.....	..	..	..	..	7	..	7	32	39
Mill Creek.....	100 00	1 50	.....	14	5	1	2	..	..	56	99	155
Mountain Creek.....	.....	1 30	.....	..	1	14	..	3	..	73	106	179
Mt. Zion.....	.....	2 00	50 00	13	2	..	1	3	..	89	116	205
Mt. Harmony.....	.....	30	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	24	32
New Light.....	100 00	2 00	.....	1	3	2	7	2	..	57	123	180
Oxford.....	900 00	.....	20 75	12	10	..	6	2	1	58	86	144
Olive Branch.....	100 00	1 50	30 00	8	4	..	3	2	1	63	122	185
Olive Grove.....	50 00	1 00	.....	..	4	1	..	4	..	11	14	25
Poplar Creek.....	.....	1 50	20 50	8	2	5	4	3	1	47	76	123
Providence.....	.....	1 00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	31	47
Pleasant Grove.....	.....	1 50	.....	3	..	1	2	1	1	24	30	54
Roxboro.....	200 00	1 00	20 00	3	10	..	2	..	1	14	11	25
Rock Spring.....	.....	50	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Sassafras Fork.....	.....	1 00	.....	6	..	..	..	..	..	14	18	32
State Line.....	.....	1 00	.....	10	..	..	..	..	..	15	22	37
Tally Ho.....	.....	1 50	.....	12	..	..	3	2	..	51	78	129
		\$38 50		214	90	19	166	56	24	1259	2020	3288

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Amount Contributed.
Amis' Chapel.....	W. T. Chandler...	Buchanan	1	4	50	\$-----
Antioch.....	N. W. Jordan.....	Roxboro	1	5	25	-----
Bethel.....	Ruffin Woody	Bethel Hill.....	1	2	20	3 00
Concord	E. C. Coley	Dutchville	2	4	60	15 84
	A. M. Veazey	Knapp of Reeds..			30	-----
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	2		18 00
Enon.....	T. R. Averett.....	Oxford	1	4	50	30 04
Flat River Union.	R. O. Critcher.....	Knapp of Reeds..	1	3	30	-----
	J. R. Calahan					
Grassy Creek... {	Robert Hester.....	Young's X Roads..	3			-----
	J. L. Clark.....					
Hester's	L. Knott.....	Oxford	1	6	41	40 00
Island Creek... {	R. L. Dunn.....	Williamsboro	2	12	120	14 00
	J. G. Morgan.....	Williamsboro				-----
Mary's Chapel.....	J. W. Whelous		1	5		-----
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	3	25	11 35
Mountain Creek ..	J. A. Watkins.....	Young's X Roads..	1	6	65	-----
Mt. Zion.....	D. J. Gooch	Berea	1	6	52	25 90
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood.....	Oxford	1	10	150	109 55
Olive Branch.....	J. D. Ramsey		1	4	51	-----
Olive Grove	A. B. Smith.....		1	4	24	-----
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	5	44	32 10
Providence			1			-----
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee.....	Roxboro	1	6	31	15 00
Rock Spring	C. Gordon		1			-----
Sassafras Fork	M. L. Traylor.....	Sassafras	1	6	40	-----
State Line	W. S. Gordon.....		1			-----
Tally Ho			1			4 50

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches ; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty ; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

